

## PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

Applicant(s): Glen H. Erikson

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Examiner: Cynthia B. Wilder

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For: NUCLEIC ACID BINDING ENHANCEMENT BY CONJUGATION WITH  
NUCLEOTIDES, NUCLEOSIDES, BASES AND/OR THEIR ANALOGUESPETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIMEMail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time for responding to the Rejection dated July 26, 2004, up to and including December 26, 2004, for the purpose of permitting the timely filing of the enclosed Amendment.

Authorization to charge the additional fee of \$225.00 for the two-month extension of time for a small entity, and/or any additional fees associated with this Petition For Extension of Time, is granted in the attached Fee Transmittal Form.

Respectfully submitted,

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